

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A voting apparatus comprising:
  - 2 (a) a print media receiving unit including a surface suitable for receiving a  
3 printed medium containing two or more choices;
  - 4 (b) an electronic position determining system capable of determining a  
5 position of a selection of the two or more choices on the print medium when the print  
6 medium is disposed on the surface; and
  - 7 (c) an information storage medium capable of storing the selection.
- 1 2. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the information storage medium is in  
2 the form of a cartridge.
- 1 3. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electronic position determining  
2 system further comprises a stylus coupled to the print media receiving unit.
- 1 4. The voting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising the print medium.
- 1 5. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print medium is a voting ballot.
- 1 6. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print medium includes a plurality  
2 of apertures through which a voter inserts a stylus to punch one or more holes in a ballot  
3 disposed underneath the print medium.
- 1 7. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print medium includes a plurality  
2 of apertures through which a voter inserts a stylus to mark on or more locations on a ballot  
3 disposed underneath the print medium.
- 1 8. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the surface is cooperatively  
2 structured to receive the print medium.
- 1 9. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electronic position determining  
2 system includes a plurality of signal transmitting elements disposed within the print media  
3 receiving unit, and wherein the voting apparatus includes a stylus that comprises a signal  
4 receiving element.
- 1 10. The voting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:  
2 a display device coupled to the print media receiving unit.

- 1 11. The voting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:  
2 a voting booth.
- 1 12. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print media receiving unit further  
2 comprises a button that is adapted to be depressed for recording a vote or a region that is  
3 adapted to be selected by a stylus for recording a vote.
- 1 13. A voting system comprising:  
2 the voting apparatus of claim 1; and  
3 a module for resetting the information storage medium.
- 1 14. A voting system comprising:  
2 the voting apparatus of claim 1;  
3 a client computer adapted to receive a vote from the voting apparatus; and  
4 a server computer in operative communication with the client computer for  
5 receiving the vote from the client computer, and for tabulating the vote along with other  
6 votes.
- 1 15. A method for voting comprising:  
2 using any of the voting apparatus of claim 1 to vote for a candidate.
- 1 16. A voting apparatus comprising:  
2 (a) a print media receiving unit including a surface suitable for receiving a  
3 print medium containing two or more choices;  
4 (b) an electronic position determining system capable of determining a  
5 position of a selection of the two or more choices on the print medium when the print  
6 medium is disposed on the surface, the electronic position determining system including (i) a  
7 plurality of signal transmitting elements under the surface, (ii) a processor operatively  
8 coupled to the plurality of signal transmitting elements, (iii) a memory including electronic  
9 maps containing the choices and the locations of the choices in the print medium, and (iv) a  
10 stylus coupled to the print media receiving unit, wherein the stylus includes a signal receiving  
11 element; and  
12 (c) an information storage medium capable of storing the selection.

- 1 17. The voting apparatus of claim 16 comprising:  
2 a slot underneath the surface adapted to receive a voting ballot.
- 1 18. The voting apparatus of claim 16 further comprising the print medium,  
2 wherein the print medium is a voting ballot.
- 1 19. The voting apparatus of claim 16 further comprising a page detection system  
2 that is adapted to automatically determine which page of the print medium is currently being  
3 displayed.
- 1 20. The voting apparatus of claim 16 wherein the information storage medium is  
2 in the form of a cartridge.